

This is a public comment intended to oppose the NAB petition seeking to stop XM from providing instant traffic and weather. The public benefits of this service far outweigh the harm to broadcasters, especially in rural areas such as Geneva, Florida. In Geneva, the public radio stations can barely be heard, and listeners are forced to listen to (1) crappy country western stations in order to get sporadic news and weather, or (2) the talk radio gagfest that passes for public discussion. Satellite radio is the only reasonable alternative.

I strongly support the right of XM radio and other satellite stations to provide local traffic and weather.